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## Burma

## Grain and Feed

## Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - March 2006

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**Report Highlights:**

Burma's bean and pulse exports in March hit a record high in recent history, with 127,220 metric tons, an increase of 78 percent over the same period in 2005. Trade sources reported that sales to India are likely to increase tremendously following its decreased production. India remains the major importer in March, accounting for 60 percent of total exports, followed by China, accounting for 31 percent.

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**TRADE**

Increased sales to India and China led Burmese bean and pulse exports in March to hit a record high in the recent history, the amount of 127,220 metric tons, an increase of 78 percent over the same period in 2005. Trade sources reported that sales to India are likely to increase tremendously following its decreased production. Sales to Japan, a regular importer, also increased in March. Mung beans accounted for 41 percent of the total exports, followed by Matpe (40 percent) and Toor Whole (11 percent), respectively. India remains the major exporter in March, accounting for 60 percent of total exports, followed by China, accounting for 31 percent.

Bangladesh – a total of 120 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
120 mt of Mung beans

Belgium – a total of 220 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
154 mt of Mung beans  
66 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

Bahrain – a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
24 mt of Black eye beans

China – a total of 39,169 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
17,850 mt of Matpe beans  
18,225 mt of Mung beans  
1,956 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)  
1,070 mt of Gram  
68 mt of Butter beans

Egypt - a total of 720 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
720 mt of Black eye beans

Germany – a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
24 mt of Mung beans

India - a total of 75,005 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
31,539 mt of Matpe  
27,084 mt of Mung beans  
12,039 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)  
1,928 mt of Black eye beans  
2,057 mt of Kidney beans  
358 mt of Chickpeas

Indonesia - a total of 1,493 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
1,171 mt of Mung beans  
322 mt of various beans

Italy - a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
24 mt of Mungbeans

Japan - a total of 1,149 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
1,028 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)  
21 mt of Butter beans  
100 mt of Bamboo beans

Korea – a total of 102 mt of beans and pulses exported:

102 mt of Black eye

Lithuania – a total of 48 mt of beans and pulses exported:

48 mt of Small white beans

Malaysia – a total of 577 mt of beans and pulses exported:

184 mt of Matpe

278 mt of Mung beans

92 mt of Black eye beans

23 mt of Bamboo beans

Netherlands - a total of 210 mt of beans and pulses exported:

210 mt of Mung beans

Pakistan - a total of 2,248 mt of beans and pulses exported:

477 mt of Mung beans

885 mt of Black eye beans

104 mt of Bamboo beans

707 mt of Chickpea

75 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

Philippines – a total of 166 mt of beans and pulses exported:

166 mt of Mung beans

Portugal - a total of 166 mt of beans and pulses exported:

166 mt of Black eye beans

Singapore - a total of 459 mt of beans and pulses exported:

184 mt of Matpe

275 mt of Mung beans

Spain a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:

24 mt of Mung beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 1,197 mt of beans and pulses exported:

408 mt of Matpe

789 mt of Mung beans

Thailand – a total of 120 mt of beans and pulses exported:

120 mt of Mung beans

Taiwan - a total of 112 mt of beans and pulses exported:

112 mt of Mung beans

United Arab Emirates – a total of 3,011 mt of beans and pulses exported:

839 mt of Matpe

1,864 mt of Mung beans

308 mt of Black eye beans

United Kingdom - a total of 744 mt of beans and pulses exported:

720 mt of Mung beans

24 mt of Black eye beans

Uruguay – a total of 88 mt of beans and pulses exported:

88 mt of Kidney beans

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2005	2006
January	37,528	57,603
February	51,171	78,276
March	71,433	127,220
April	56,153	
May	62,878	
June	92,430	
July	64,063	
August	75,578	
September	44,082	
October	46,235	
November	35,959	
December	32,159	
TOTAL	669,669	263,099

## PRICES

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee in March 2006 are:

Matpe (FAQ)	US\$ 550-570
Matpe (SQ)	US\$ 610-630
Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ)	US\$ 320-340
Mung beans (FAQ)	US\$ 520-540
Toor Whole red (Pigeon pea)	US\$ 320-340
Toor Whole white/red (Pigeon pea) (FAQ)	US\$ 310-330
Black eye beans (FAQ)	US\$ 450-470

Note: 1) FAQ = Fair Average Quality; SQ = Superior Quality  
 2) Average exchange rate in February is US\$= Kyat 1,174

## EXPORT PROSPECTS

Active trading activities in March led average export prices to firm. Export prospects in the next few months should continue to be bright, especially for Matpe beans, black eye beans and Mung beans, in anticipation of decreased production in India and increased border bean and pulse trade with China. Burmese exporters' submission of export permits is reportedly high with an average of 30-40,000 metric tons per day. Given continued strong export demand, Burmese bean and pulse exports in 2006 may reach 1 million metric tons.

According to trade sources, about 23,800 metric tons of Matpe beans and 27,200 metric tons of Mung beans were traded in March at Bayint Naung wholesale market in Rangoon.

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